

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Green Ash

Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Typically this tree does not exceed 80' in height. Its crown is described as broadly columnar. The leaves are pinnate, to 12" long, with five to nine ovate to lanceolate, taper-pointed, sharply toothed or sometimes smooth leaflets, to 4 3/4" long and 2" across, glossy dark green, turning yellow in autumn. The bark is gray-brown, with narrow, interlacing ridges.

Picture courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes. Published by DK Publishing.

**"The frog does not drink
from the pond in which he
lives."**

- Indian Proverb



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Natural Resources

It was definitely a busy October for the Urban and Community Forestry Program! November looks like it's going to be the same. Now that fall has arrived, it's time to inspect your trees and be sure they are ready for the winter ahead. Be sure to have any dead, decayed or diseased branches removed to prevent failure. Remember, all work should be done by an ISA Certified Arborist, and trees should NEVER be topped! This is also the time to replenish the organic mulch around your trees. Mulch protects root systems from harsh winter temperatures and provides necessary nutrients in the spring. Remember to keep the organic materials 4-6 inches from the trunk to prevent crown rot and insect damage. For additional information on pruning or mulching, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

2002 Community Forestry Grant Applications Available

The Washington Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry Program is pleased to announce the availability of the 2002 Community Forestry Assistance Grant Applications. There are a few changes to the application process. There is a longer application period (from September 2001 to March 14, 2002), and the applications will not be mailed out unless requested. If you would like to receive a copy of the 2002 Community Forestry Grant Application, please contact the U&CF Program by one of the following methods: e-mail us at urban_forestry@wadnr.gov to receive the application as a Word document; call us at 1-800-523-8733 to receive a hard copy, or download a PDF file from our website at www.wa.gov/dnr/htdocs/rp/urban/urban.htm. The Community Forestry Assistance Grant program is made possible with funds from the USDA Forest Service.

Utility Vegetation Management Conference

This event, formerly focused just on Oregon, goes region-wide this year with a broad array of speakers. Utility Foresters, contractors, utility vegetation management specialists, general managers, and others are invited to come discuss the changing face of utility arboriculture. Speakers include Brian Fisher, Derek Vannice, and many others. Topics include worker safety, vegetation management strategies, state regulation practices, community relations, and more. Vendor information tables are available. For more information and to obtain a complete conference registration form, contact the PNW-ISA at 503/874-8263 or e-mail your mailing address to info@pnwisa.org.

2002 Poster Contest Materials Available

Materials are available for the 2002 Arbor Day Poster Contest sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the Washington Arbor Day Council, and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. It is our hope that participation will raise awareness and encourage classrooms across Washington to celebrate Arbor Day. This year's theme, "Trees are Terrific...inside and out!", was designed to increase knowledge about how trees grow and function. If you are a fifth grade teacher, or a parent of a fifth grader, and would like to receive the materials and poster contest guidelines, please call 1-800-523-TREE.

Community Forestry Field Day A Success

The Urban and Community Forestry Program would like to thank everyone that participated in the Community Forestry Field Day on October 13, in Yakima. We would like to give special thanks to the Yakima Area Arboretum Executive Board and staff, Kevin McFarland of Sound Urban Forestry, Don Rotell, the Yakima County Solid Waste Program, Jodi Luedecker, and the USDA Forest Service. Thank you! Look for another Community Forestry Field Day in western Washington in the Spring of 2002! For more information, please call the TreeLink Hotline.

NUCFAC Grants Available

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) has approximately \$1 million in grant funds to be awarded through the 2002 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. Grant requests for any amount will be considered. Any non-federal organization, operating within the United States or its territories, may apply. The grants must be matched dollar for dollar with non-federal funds, in-kind donations, volunteer assistance, and private or public monetary contributions. Pre-proposals must be received (not just postmarked) by December 11, 2001, and will be reviewed by February 15, 2002. Finalists will be asked to submit a more detailed proposal by April 2, 2002. If you have questions, or would like to apply for the 2001 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program, call Suzanne M. del Villar at (209) 536-9201. Grant information is also available at www.treelink.org/nucfac/index.htm. A complete grant announcement and pre-proposal cover sheet are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

Tree Diagnostic Tools and Techniques

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) is holding a workshop on Tree Diagnostic Tools and Techniques in Portland, Oregon, on November 13. This course will look at Tree Diagnostics with a particular emphasis on diagnostic tools. PNW-ISA arborists Walt Knapp, Scott Baker, and Terrill Collier will discuss diagnostic methods and tools, including the Resistograph and AirSpade. The afternoon session will include demonstrations of these tools in the field. Come learn about the diagnostic method, root crown excavation, internal decay diagnosis, forest pathology, and other topics you need to know about managing trees and urban forests in the Pacific Northwest. This is an introductory to intermediate level course that would be especially useful to new arborists. For more information and to obtain a registration form, contact the PNW-ISA at 503/874-8263 or e-mail your mailing address to info@pnwisa.org.

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The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Picks and Shovels

Managing Trees and Riparian Areas

Join the PNW-ISA as it looks at the nature of managing trees in riparian areas, with particular attention to rules and regulations for streamside vegetation management. They will be discussing environmentally sensitive areas and the new Streamside Protection Regulations issued by the BC Ministry of Environment, Lands, and Parks. These new directives will have a dramatic impact on in-stream work, removal of streamside vegetation, and stream bank stabilization. A variety of professionals representing the planning, wildlife, and arboricultural perspectives of this issue will serve as speakers. This course will be held on Thursday, November 22, in Victoria, British Columbia. The course will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m. For more information and to obtain a registration form, contact the PNW-ISA at 503/874-8263 or e-mail your mailing address to info@pnwisa.org.

Washington Turf and Landscape Show

The Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association is sponsoring the 2000 Washington Turf and Landscape Show. The show will be December 3-5, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. For registration information, call WWGCSA at (360) 705-3049 or visit www.wwgcsa.org.

WCFC Meeting in Vancouver

The Washington Community Forestry Council (WCFC) will be meeting in Vancouver, Washington, on December 12. The Council's mission is to provide leadership and vision to help citizens preserve, plant, and maintain community and urban forests. Their meetings are open to the public. For more information, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

TREEORD Software for Tree Ordinance Development. The Tree Trust, a non-profit group in Minnesota, has developed TREEORD Software to help cities develop ordinances. TREEORD contains a database of over 1,800 clauses from more than 200 ordinances from throughout the United States. The software is designed to be easy to use, but covers many of the difficult issues related to setting up a Tree Board, planning and zoning conflicts, inventorying trees, responsibilities for tree maintenance, and more. The U&CF Program has one copy if you would like to preview it. Copies may be purchased from the Tree Trust for \$60. More information is available at www.treetrust.org. For order forms, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Fire-Resistant Plants for Oregon Home Landscapes. The Oregon State University Extension Service has published this four page guide on making home landscapes fire safe. It was written by Steven Fitzgerald and Amy Joe Waldo, and is available via e-mail. The guide includes an extensive species list to help homeowners plant landscapes that will resist fire. To receive a copy of this publication, please call 1-800-523-TREE or send an e-mail request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov.

On the Horizon

November

- 6-7 Pacific Northwest Utility Vegetation Management Conference, Vancouver, WA. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
- 6-7 Restoring Native Ecosystems National Conference, Nebraska City, NE. E-mail the Arbor Day Foundation at conferences@arborday.org.
- 10 ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Wilsonville, OR. Advanced registration required. Call PNW-ISA for details.
- 13 Tree Diagnostic Tools and Techniques, Portland, OR. Contact PNW-ISA for more information. (503) 874-8263.
- 22 Managing Trees and Riparian Areas, Victoria, BC. Contact PNW-ISA for details at (503) 874-8263.

December

- 3-5 Washington Turf and Landscape Show, Bellevue. For information, call (360) 705-3049.
- 12 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Vancouver, WA. Call U&CF Program for details at (360) 902-1704.
- 31 Tree City USA Applications due to Urban Forestry Program. Call 1-800-523-TREE for more information and application.

January

- 18 ISA Certification Exam, Boise, Idaho. Advanced registration required. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for details.



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